

Water-Wise Gardening in the Bay Area

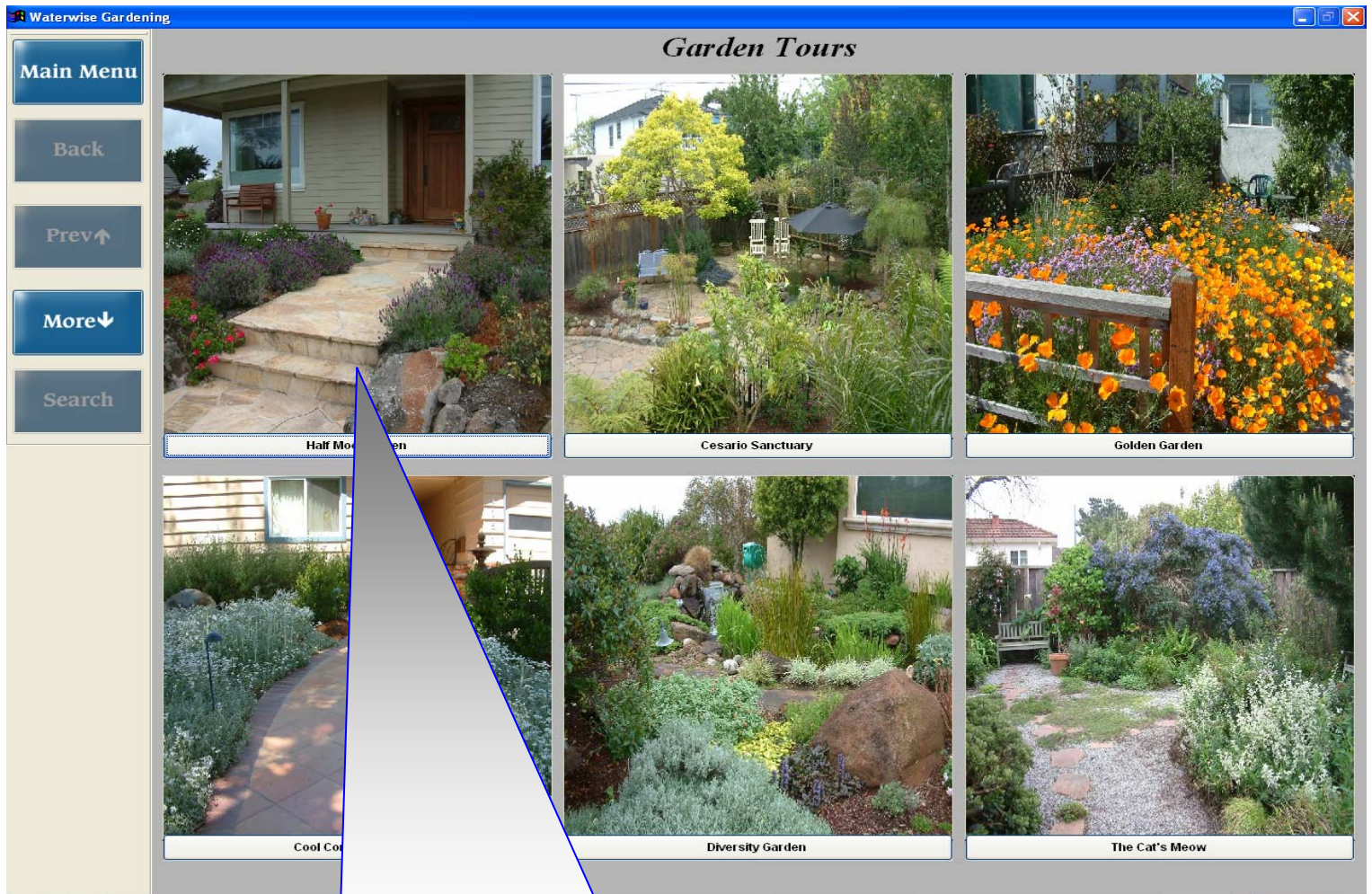
A virtual tour

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Main menu options

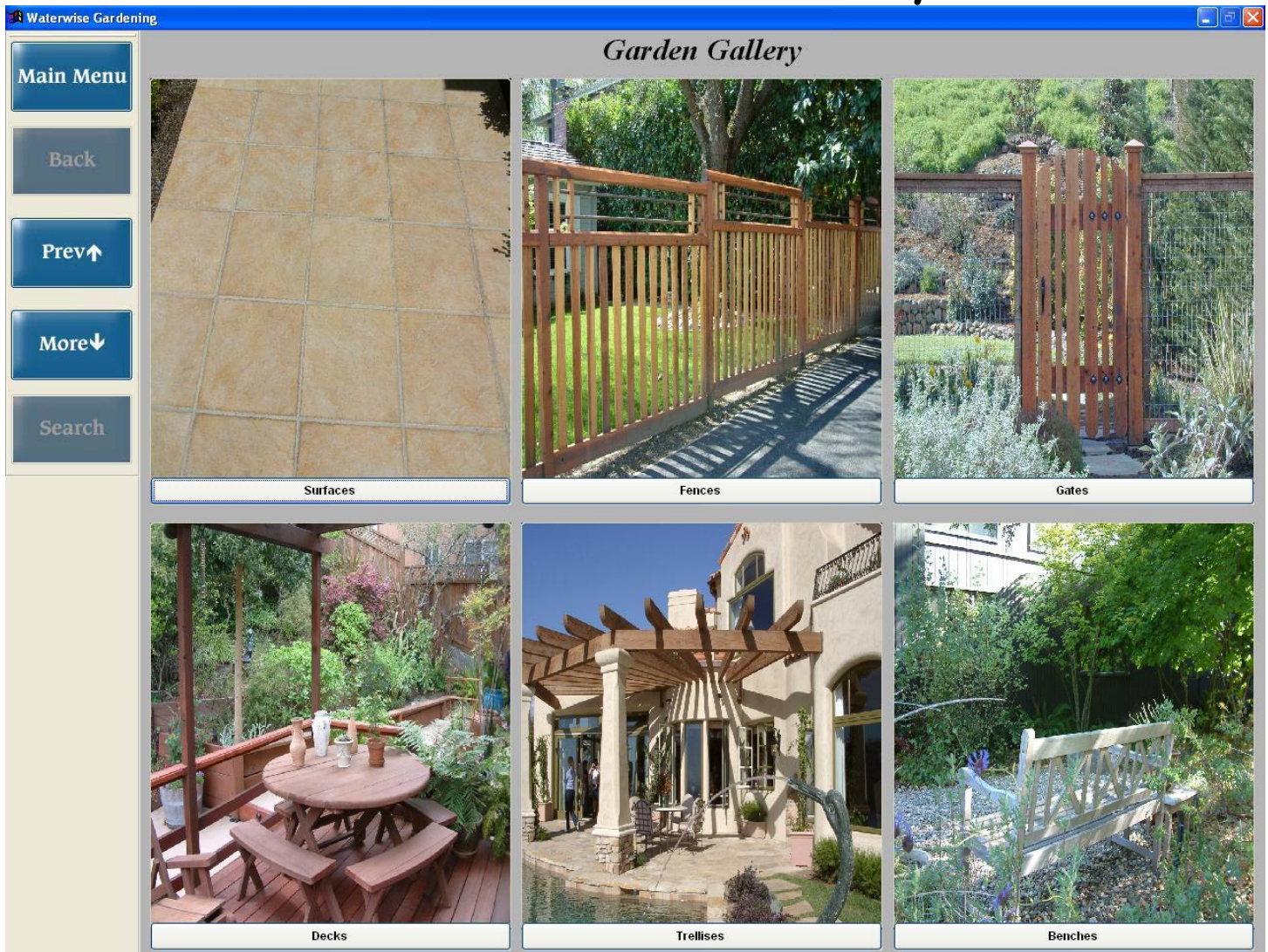
Screen 2: Garden Tours



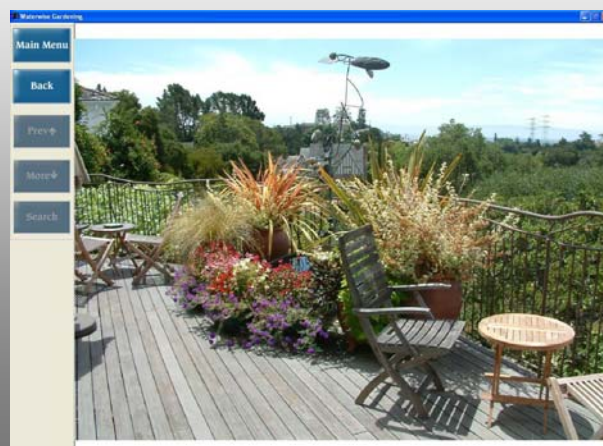
Click through the photographs for a tour of our featured gardens!
Each view has hot-linked plants. Click on the plant for more information.
Click "Add Plant" to add the plant to your shopping list.



Screen 3: Garden Gallery



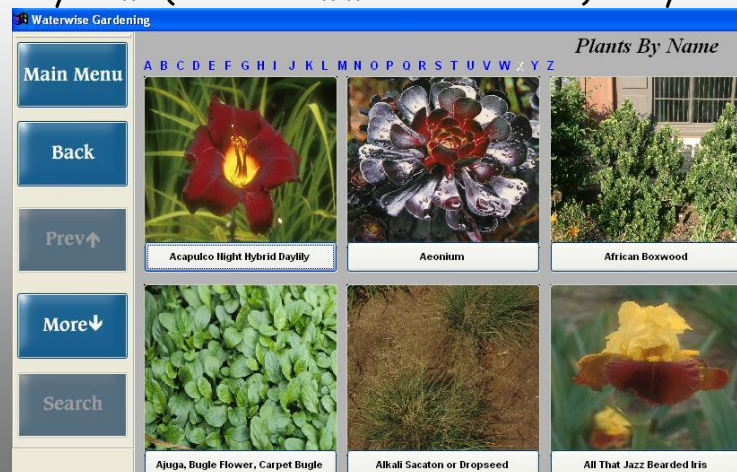
Each Garden Gallery is a collection of example photographs in the different areas around the home such as front yards, backyards, entries, and hillsides. You can find beautiful examples of various features such as decks and trellises can be incorporated into your water wise garden.



Screen 4: Plants



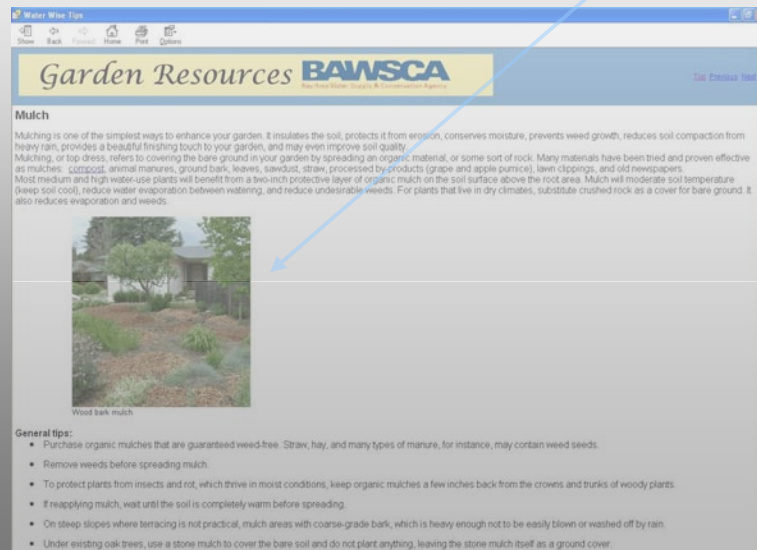
The plant section contains a huge database of detailed information and photographs of beautiful and water saving plants. You can search for plants by name (either common or botanical) or by category.



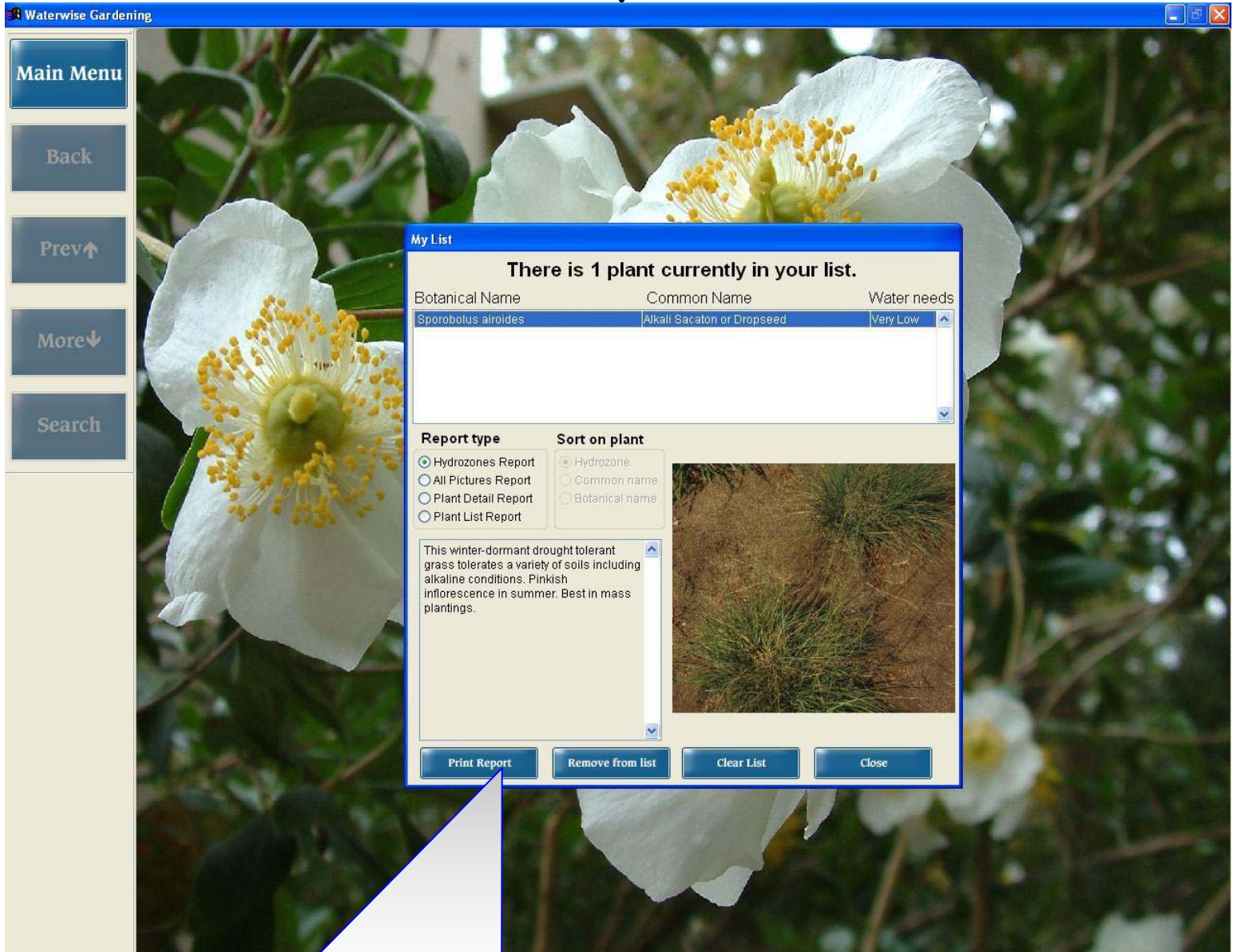
Screen 5: Garden Resources



The Garden Resources section is your encyclopedia of garden design and maintenance tips. You can find tips on working with landscape contractors, how to care for and prepare your soil, as well as a wealth of information on irrigation systems and schedules. Each subject area has tips and instructional photographs, such as on how to mulch effectively.



Screen 6: My (Plant) List



The section "My List" is your personal shopping cart that contains the plants that you have added during the course of using the software. Each time you add a plant to your list, it is saved for viewing later. The My List section allows you to view and print the contents of your cart in a report, which you can then take to your local water wise nursery. The plant report that you print can be organized in variety of ways.

This is a close-up of the 'Report type' and 'Sort on plant' sections of the 'My List' window. The 'Report type' section has four radio buttons: 'Hydrozones Report' (selected), 'All Pictures Report', 'Plant Detail Report', and 'Plant List Report'. The 'Sort on plant' section has three radio buttons: 'Hydrozone' (selected), 'Common name', and 'Botanical name'. Below these is a text box with a scroll bar containing the text: 'This winter-dormant drought tolerant grass tolerates a variety of soils including alkaline conditions. Pinkish inflorescence in summer. Best in mass plantings.'

Screen 7: Watering Tips


Watering Tips

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East Bay Region



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Suggested Residential Seasonal Watering Schedules

	Spring			Summer			Fall		Winter		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Number of Days On	3			4			2		Off		
Start Times	3			3			3		Off		
Minutes per Station	5			5			5		Off		
Total Minutes per Week	45			60			30		0		

TurfLawn

	Spring			Summer			Fall		Winter		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Number of Days On	3			4			2		Off		
Start Times	3			3			3		Off		
Minutes per Station	5			5			5		Off		
Total Minutes per Week	45			60			30		0		

Ground Cover and Shrubs

	Spring			Summer			Fall		Winter		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Number of Days On	2			3			2		Off		
Start Times	2			2			2		Off		
Minutes per Station	5			5			5		Off		
Total Minutes per Week	20			30			20		0		

Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant Plants

	Spring			Summer			Fall		Winter		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Number of Days On	1			2			1		Off		
Start Times	2			2			1		Off		
Minutes per Station	5			5			1		Off		
Total Minutes per Week	10			10			10		0		

Note: How much water to apply (min/day) is based on weather conditions, soil type, slope, and precipitation rates (spray or drip). When to water (number of days/week) should be based on soil moisture and weather conditions.

You can save literally thousands of gallons of water on your landscape, and save your money, by setting the proper settings of your irrigation controller. But you can't just set it and forget it - to get those savings, you must adjust the settings with the changing seasons.

The Watering Tips section contains your personal watering prescription. When you first open the software, you are prompted to select the region within the San Francisco Bay Area where you reside. Based on this selection, the prescription in the Watering Tips section will be tailored to your region. Use this prescription as a general guide for how much to water.

Screen 8: About Us



The About Us section is your guide to the cities, water agencies, university, and water companies that make up the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). Each of the 27 BAWSCA member agencies is represented in this section with their logo. For more information about a particular agency, click on their logo. Once you get to the detail screen, you can click again to be taken to the agency's website.

